

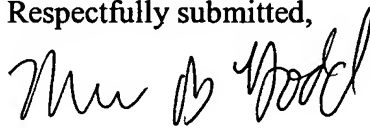
**REMARKS**

In the original claim listing filed with the application there were two claims numbered as claim 23 and two claims numbered as claim 24. This preliminary amendment corrects the duplicate claim numbering. Accordingly, claims 1-30 are now pending. By this paper claim 27 has been amended to depend from the appropriate base claim in light of the corrected claim numbers.

Applicants' representative notes for the record that this amendment is made only for purposes of correcting the claim numbering and is not being made in response to any prior art rejection, and therefore does not evince an intent on the part of the Applicants to surrender any subject matter.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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